

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

The Elysian City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 10, 2025, at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Dennis Schnoor; Councilmembers Steve Hoppe, Bobby Houlihan, Paul Hunter, and Derek Westby; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; City Attorney Jason Moran (left the meeting at 6:50 pm). Absent: None.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Hoppe, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the November 10, 2025 Regular Meeting with the following additions:

- 4a. Le Sueur County Commissioner Steve Rohlffing
- 15j. Consideration of Purchase of Rapid Radios

Le Sueur County Chief Deputy Nick Greenig reported that things have been quiet in Elysian. He noted that the updated Law Enforcement Service contract will be sent within the next week.

Le Sueur County Commissioner Steve Rohlffing welcomed Steve Hoppe to the Council. He reported that the Le Sueur County preliminary budget is set at 5.4%. The Board will discuss further at a workshop on November 18th. Public Hearings will be held on the proposed Comprehensive Plan in November and December with Planning and Zoning approval in January and final County Board approval to follow. Creation of ordinances to support the Comprehensive Plan will be completed in 2026.

Public Comment: None.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Hunter, all voting in favor, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following items:

- Minutes Approval – October 13, 2025 Special and Regular Meeting, and October 27, 2025 Workshop Meeting
- Bills, Payroll, and Transfers in the amount of \$136,296.22
- Accept Resignation of Planning and Zoning Commissioner Doug Stanke
- Approval of Le Sueur County Election Agreement
- Approval of Minnesota Paid Leave (MNPL) Policy
- Approval of Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Policy
- Approve 2026 Health Insurance Contributions for Full-Time Employees
- Authorize City Hall closure December 24, 2025

The Council considered Resolution 975/25 – Adopting Findings of Fact and Reasons for Denial for Variance Application of Cynthia Fenn / Nick Wolff at 109 Willow Point Drive.

Fenn and Wolff applied to the City for a variance to demolish an existing garage, build a new garage, and build an addition to the existing cabin. The lot is non-conforming, the proposal would result in 28.6% lot coverage, and the proposed cabin will not meet setback requirements.

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing and considered the request on October 7, 2025. The Commission voted to table the request to allow the applicant to submit further information

as follows:

- a. A plan that meets the setback requirements.
- b. A plan that meets the 25% impervious coverage requirements.
- c. An engineered drainage plan.
- d. An architectural drawing of the proposed structures.
- e. Removal of the sheds on the property.

On October 29, 2025, the applicants call City Hall and withdrew their application for the variance. Due to MN Stat. §15.99, the City Council must take official action on the request within 60 days, or the request is automatically approved.

Councilmember Hunter introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Houlihan.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 975/25
RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT AND REASONS FOR DENIAL
FOR VARIANCE APPLICATION OF CYNTHIA FENN / NICK WOLFF
AT 109 WILLOW POINT DRIVE

FACTS

1. Cynthia Fenn / Nick Wolff are the owners of a parcel of land located at 109 Willow Point Drive, Elysian, Minnesota; and,
2. The subject property is legally described as found on Exhibit A; and,
3. Cynthia Fenn / Nick Wolff have applied to the City for a variance to demolish an existing garage, build a new garage, and build an addition to the existing cabin as described in Exhibit B.
4. The proposal would vary from § 156.091 GENERAL STANDARDS. (B) (1) (a) Required lot area is 20,000 square feet and actual lot area is 9,622 square feet and maximum allowed Lot Coverage 25%, the proposal would result in 28.6% Lot Coverage, and the proposed cabin will not meet the setback requirements.
5. Following a public hearing on the application, held on October 7, 2025, the City of Elysian Planning and Zoning Commission tabled the request to allow the applicants to submit further information on the request as follows:
 - a. A plan that meets the setback requirements.
 - b. A plan that meets the 25% impervious coverage requirement.
 - c. An engineered drainage plan.
 - d. An architectural drawing of the proposed structures.
 - e. Removal of the sheds on the property.
6. On October 29, 2025, the applicants called Elysian City Office and withdrew their application for the variance. The applicant stated that the Planning and Zoning is asking for too many things and Wolff stated that he is going to close up the cabin for the winter and decide what to do in the spring.
7. The City Council of the City of Elysian reviewed the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendations and the applicants' request for withdrawal of the application for variance at its meeting of November 10, 2025.

APPLICABLE LAW

8. Minnesota Statute Section 462.357, subd. 6 provides:
 - a. Variances shall only be permitted (a) when they are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the ordinance and (b) when the variances are consistent with the comprehensive plan.
 - b. Variances may be granted when the applicant for the variance establishes that there are practical difficulties in complying with the zoning ordinance. "Practical difficulties," as used in connection with the granting of a variance, means that (a) the property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the zoning ordinance; (b) the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner; and (c) the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the variance request application on October 7, 2025 and tabled the request to allow the applicants to submit further information on the request as follows:
 - a. A plan that meets the setback requirements.
 - b. A plan that meets the 25% impervious coverage requirement.
 - c. An engineered drainage plan.
 - d. An architectural drawing of the proposed structures.
 - e. Removal of the sheds on the property.

10. The applicants withdrew the request for a variance on October 29, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Elysian, Minnesota, that the application to issue a variance to allow Cynthia Fenn / Nick Wolff to demolish an existing garage, build a new garage, and build an addition to the existing cabin as described in Exhibit B is denied based on the applicant's withdrawal of the variance request.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Hoppe, Houlihan, Hunter, Schnoor, Westby

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian on this 10th day of November 2025.

Approved:

Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Legal Description

Parcel 1: Lot Five (5), Chesnut's Lakeshore Subdivision No. 2, located in Government Lot Five (5), in Section Thirty-four (34), Township One Hundred Nine (109) North, Range Twenty-four (24) West, in Le Sueur County, Minnesota.

Parcel 2: That part of Government Lot Five (5) in Section Thirty-four (34), Township One Hundred Nine (109) North, Range Twenty-four (24) West, -Le Sueur County, Minnesota described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section Thirty-four (34), thence South on the East line of said Section Thirty-four (34) a distance of 1094.94 feet, thence North 89 degrees West 88.00 feet to place of beginning; thence North 89 degrees West 160.45 feet, thence South 46 degrees 46' East 128.52 feet, thence North 38 degrees 33' East 108.50 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.16 acre, more or less.

On motion by Hoppe, seconded by Westby, all voting in favor, to close the Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing at 6:10 pm.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow public input from citizens on the request from Tami Paulsen for easement vacation of a portion of Driveway and Utility Easement on Willow Point Drive, 121 Willow Point Drive (PID# 16.415.0230), Elysian, Le Sueur County, Minnesota.

The City has Easement on Willow Point Drive for placement of utilities but the utilities are not located in the dedicated easement. The Paulsen's home is located on the easement. Paulsen has requested vacation of that portion of the easement and will in turn dedicate a 50 foot easement to the City in the location specified by the City Engineer that will fully encompass both the existing sanitary sewer main and water main, ensuring adequate space for access, maintenance, and future reconstruction.

The City Engineer has approved the location of the easement, and the City Attorney has worked with the applicant's attorney on all related legal documents.

There were no public comments. No written comments were received.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Hoppe, all voting in favor, to close the Public Hearing and open the Regular Meeting at 6:15 pm.

Councilmember Westby introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember Houlihan.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 974/25

A RESOLUTION VACATING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN AN EASEMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Elysian called for a public hearing by notifying its interest in vacating any and all interests the City has in an Easement pursuant to Minnesota Statute §412.851; and

WHEREAS, the City has Easement rights for utilities located on that real estate legally described on attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, a petition was presented by the property owner to vacate the City's interest in that Easement legally described on attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider the vacation of said Utility Easement was held on November 10, 2025 before the City Council. Further, all property owners adjacent to said Easement and all affected persons were given notice of said Public Hearing, and all were given an opportunity to be heard and voice their concerns regarding the vacation of the subject Easement. Finally, said notice was published in the City's legally designated newspaper for the requisite time parameters called for in Minnesota Statutes §412.851; and

WHEREAS, the Council, in its discretion has determined that the vacation will benefit the public interest because the utilities are not placed in the easement area, vacation will provide an opportunity for the homeowner to further develop and enhance their property, which will further enhance the City's tax base, and it will additionally lessen the City's liability for the easement area and eliminate any maintenance obligation the City may have for the same; and

WHEREAS, four-fifths of all members of the Elysian City Council concur with this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ELYSIAN, LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA, that the City's interest in that Easement legally described on Attached Exhibit A shall be, and hereby is vacated. The property owner shall simultaneously dedicate an Easement for utilities in that real estate upon which the utilities are actually located.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Hoppe, Houlihan, Hunter, Schnoor, Westby

Council Members voting in the negative: None

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 10th day of November 2025.

Approved:

Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

On motion by Westby, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the Municipality Utility Easement as presented.

No State Deed Tax

(from individual)

Abstract

EASEMENT

THIS EASEMENT is given on _____, 2025 by Tami M. Paulsen, Trustee of the Tami M. Paulsen Revocable Trust dated January 13, 2016, ("Owner"), to The City of Elysian, a Municipal Corporation Organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota (City"), in accordance with the following:

1. Ownership. Owner is the fee owner of the property legally described on Attached Exhibit A.
2. Grant of Easement. For valuable consideration, Owner grants and conveys to the City a Municipal Utility Easement for municipal storm water, water, sanitary sewer, and telecommunication purposes over, under, and across the real property in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, legally described on attached Exhibit B (Easement Area) and as depicted on the Survey attached as Exhibit C.
3. Scope of Easement Rights. The Easement includes the right of the City, its contractors, employees, agents and assigns to:
 - a. Locate, operate, maintain, inspect, alter, reconstruct and repair within the Easement Area utility infrastructure including storm sewer, water, sanitary sewer, telecommunications; and
 - b. Cut, trim, or remove from the Easement Area any trees, shrubs, other vegetation, or any impediments that in the City's judgment unreasonably interferes with the City's easement, use of the easement, or infrastructure.
4. Duration of Easement. The Easement is permanent and remains in effect in perpetuity.
5. Warranty of Grantor. The Owner warrants that it is the owner of a fee simple interest in the Property, that it has the right to grant the Easement, and that the Property is free and clear of any lien, encumbrance, easement, restriction, covenant or condition, except for those filed of record with the County Recorder or Registrar of Titles for Le Sueur County, Minnesota.
6. Easement Runs with Land. The Easement runs with the land and is binding on the Owners, their heirs, successors and assigns.

By: Tami M. Paulsen as Trustee for the Tami M. Paulsen Revocable Trust dated January 13, 2016.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

) ss.

COUNTY OF LE SUEUR)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this __ day of _____, 2025, by Tami M. Paulsen as Trustee for the Tami M. Paulsen Revocable Trust dated January 13, 2016.

(Notary seal)

Notary Public

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY:

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Tract One:

Lots Twenty-Nine (29) and Thirty (30) of Subdivision of Undeveloped Lot "B" of Chestnut's Lakeshore Subdivision, being a part of Government Lot 5, in Section Thirty-Four (34), Township One Hundred Nine (109) North, Range Twenty-Four (24) West, and part of Government Lot 7, in Section Thirty-Five (35), Township One Hundred Nine (109) North, Range Twenty-Four (24) West, lying and being in the County of Le Sueur and State of Minnesota, according to the recorded plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds, in and for said County and State.

Tract Two:

That part of Government Lot 5, in Section 34, Township 109 North, Range 24 West, Le Sueur County, Minnesota described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 29, plat of Subdivision of Undeveloped Lot "B" of Chestnut's Lakeshore Subdivision; thence North 72 degrees 06 minutes 27 seconds East on the Easterly extension of the South line of Lot 29, a distance of 40.18 feet to the Easterly line of the 40 foot Driveway and Utility Easement as per said plat also being the point of beginning; thence North 23 degrees 18 minutes 21 seconds West on said Easterly line, a distance of 92.24 feet to the Easterly extension of the North line of Lot 30 of said plat; thence North 74 degrees 35 minutes 51 seconds East on said Easterly extension, a distance of 17.39 feet; thence South 22 degrees 54 minutes 36 seconds East, a distance of 91.42 feet to the Easterly extension of the South line of Lot 29; thence South 72 degrees 06 minutes 27 seconds West on said Easterly extension, a distance of 16.70 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot Seventeen (17) of Chestnut's Lakeshore Subdivision of Undeveloped Lot B, thence in a Northeasterly direction on the extension of the West line of Lot Seventeen (17) to a point on the Northeast right-of-way line of the driveway and utility easement, the place of beginning; thence in a Northeasterly direction on an extension of the Westerly line of Lot Seventeen (17), a distance of One Hundred (100) feet; thence in a Northwesterly direction and parallel to the Northeasterly right-of-way line of the driveway and utility easement, to a point which bears from the Southeast corner

of Lot Thirty-three (33) of Chestnut's Lakeshore Subdivision of Undeveloped Lot B, which is an extension of the Southeast lot line of Lot Thirty-three (33) to a point on the driveway and utility easement; and thence on a further extension of said line a distance of One Hundred (100) feet; thence in a Southwesterly direction over the previous description line, a distance of One Hundred (100) feet to the Northeasterly right-of-way line of the driveway and utility easement; thence in a Southeasterly direction on the Northeasterly right-of-way line of the driveway and utility easement to place of beginning. Said tract located in Government Lot Five (5), in Section Thirty-Four (34), Township One Hundred Nine (109) North, Range Twenty-Four (24) West, lying adjacent to and Easterly of Lots 30 and 31, Chestnut's Lakeshore Subdivision, Le Sueur County, being more specifically described as that portion of the above described parcel, lying between the Easterly extension of the South line of Lot 30 and the Easterly extension of the North line of Lot 31.

Tract Three:

All that part of Government Lot 5, Section 34 Township 109 North, Range 24 West, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of Lot 28, Subdivision of Undeveloped Lot B of Chestnut's Lakeshore Subdivision; thence North 23 degrees 18 minutes 21 seconds West (assumed bearing) on the east line of said Lot 28, a distance of 47.00 feet to the northeast corner of said Lot 28; thence North 72 degrees 06 minutes 27 seconds East on the easterly extension of the north line of said Lot 28, a distance of 56.85 feet; thence North 22 degrees 54 minutes 36 seconds West, 45.76 feet to a point on the easterly extension of the south line of Lot 30 said Subdivision of Undeveloped Lot B of Chestnut's Lakeshore Subdivision said point also being the point of beginning; thence South 73 degrees 19 minutes 06 seconds West on said easterly extension, 17.03 feet to a point on the easterly line of the 40 foot Driveway and Utility Easement on said Subdivision of Undeveloped Lot B of Chestnut's Lakeshore Subdivision; thence North 23 degrees 18 minutes 21 seconds West on said easterly line, 46.09 feet to a point on the easterly extension of the north line of Lot 30, thence North 74 degrees 35 minutes 51 seconds East on said easterly extension, 34.32 feet; thence South 23 degrees 18 minutes 21 seconds East, 45.32 feet to a point on the easterly extension of the southerly line of said Lot 30; thence South 73 degrees 19 minutes 06 seconds West on said easterly extension, 17.19 feet to the point of beginning.

EXHIBIT B

Legal Description of Easement

EASEMENT DESCRIPTION:

That part of Government Lot 5, in Section 34, Township 109 North, Range 24 West, Le Sueur County, Minnesota described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 29, Subdivision of Undeveloped Lot "B" of Chestnut's Lakeshore Subdivision; thence North 72 degrees 05 minutes 27 seconds East (assumed bearing) on the easterly extension of the south line of said Lot 29, a distance of 40.18 feet to the easterly line of the 40 foot Driveway and Utility Easement per said plat, also being the point of beginning; thence North 23 degrees 18 minutes 21 seconds West on said easterly line, a distance of 92.24 feet to the easterly extension of the north line of Lot 30 of said plat; thence North 74 degrees 35 minutes 51 seconds East on said easterly extension, a distance of 34.32 feet; thence South 23 degrees 18 minutes 21 seconds East, 45.32 feet to the easterly extension of the south line of Lot 30 of said plat; thence North 73 degrees 19 minutes 08 seconds East, on said easterly extension, a distance of 16.12 feet; thence South 23 degrees 18 minutes 21 seconds East, 45.08 feet to the easterly extension of the south line of Lot 29; thence South 72 degrees 06 minutes 27 seconds West on said easterly extension, a distance of 50.22 feet to the point of beginning.

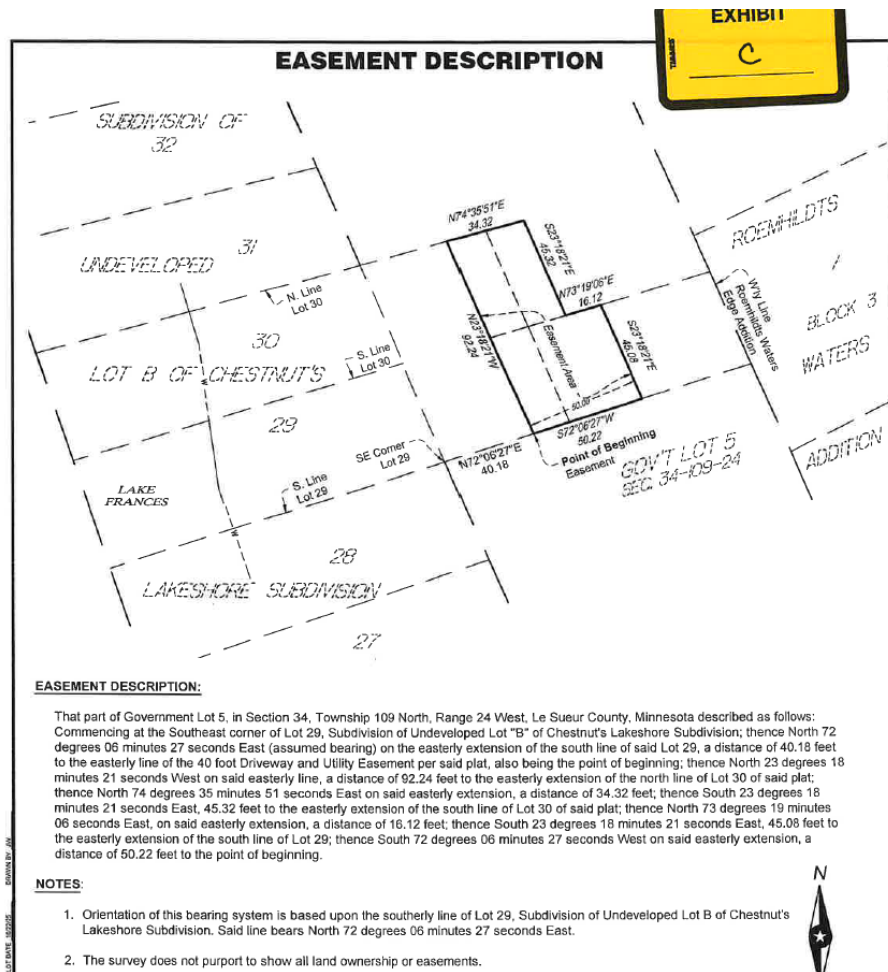
Tract Four:

All that part of Government Lot 5, Section 34 Township 109 North, Range 24 West, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of Lot 28, Subdivision of Undeveloped Lot B of Chestnut's Lakeshore Subdivision; thence North 23 degrees 18 minutes 21 seconds West (assumed bearing) on the east line of said Lot 28, a distance of 47.00 feet to the northeast corner of said Lot 28; thence North 72 degrees 06 minutes 27 seconds East on the easterly extension of the north line of said Lot 28, a distance of 56.85 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 22 degrees 54 minutes 36 seconds West, 45.76 feet to a point on the easterly extension of the south line of Lot 30 said Subdivision of Undeveloped Lot B of Chestnut's Lakeshore Subdivision; thence North 73 degrees 19 minutes 06 seconds East on said easterly extension, 83.57 feet to a point on the westerly line of Roemhildts Waters Edge Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof; thence South 23 degrees 31 minutes 24 seconds East on said westerly line, 44.03 feet to a point on the easterly extension of the north line of said Lot 28; thence South 72 degrees 06 minutes 27 seconds West on said easterly extension, 83.87 feet to the point of beginning.

Tract Five:

That part of the Driveway and Utility Easement as shown on the plat of SUBDIVISION OF UNDEVELOPED LOT B OF CHESTNUT'S LAKESHORE SUBDIVISION, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Lot 29, of said plat; thence North 72 degrees 06 minutes 27 seconds East on the easterly extension of the south line of Lot 29, a distance of 40.18 feet to the easterly line of the 40 foot Driveway and Utility Easement as per said plat; thence North 23 degrees 18 minutes 21 seconds West on said easterly line, a distance of 92.24 feet to the easterly extension of the north line of Lot 30 of said plat; thence South 74 degrees 35 minutes 51 seconds West on said easterly extension, a distance of 40.38 feet to the northeast corner of said Lot 30; thence South 23 degrees 18 minutes 21 seconds East on the easterly line of said Lots 29 and 30, a distance of 94.00 feet to the point of beginning.



Jeremy Brown has been granted a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and issued a building permit to build a twin home on 306/308 Francis Circle South. The site plan was approved as part of that process and Drummer Construction began digging on the site. Upon laying out the twin home as it was designed on the site, it was noted that the ditch on the back of the lot was further onto the lot than was thought. The house met setback requirements, was not located on the city easement, but was only about three (3) feet from the open ditch. This city ditch carried the drainage to the holding pond located to the east of the Sakatah Singing Hills Development.

Drummer contacted Public Works and asked if this situation could be remedied. He offered to move the ditch from that property over to city property or to install a 36-inch HDPE pipe and to cover that with soil and grade it so there would no longer be a drop off and that portion of the lot would be usable. Public Works, City Engineer, and Administration discussed the request and determined that installation of the 36-inch HDPE was the best option and granted permission for Drummer to install and cover the pipe and grade the lot. Public Works also assisted by removing the trees on the east side of the lot to provide access and allow for grading.

Brown has now contacted Administration and requested that he receive some type of credit back to either his building permit (cost \$3,783.05), SAC (\$1,600), or WAC (\$1,500) charges to offset the cost

of installation of the pipe, the dirt that was brought in, and the grading. Brown stated that his cost to install the storm sewer pipe was approximately \$10,000.

Brown did purchase the lot “as-is” knowing that the drainage ditch was there. The work done did benefit his private lot. It gave him more usable area and allowed for his preferred location of the twin home.

The City received benefit as that part of the open ditch in the lot is now closed.

Moran cautioned the Council and noted that there must be a benefit to the City as a whole for use of public funds. Council should hesitate to refund building permit funds as they are collected to pay for inspection fees and administration.

Schnoor noted that the lot had been purchased “as is.” The open ditch was there when the twin home placement was determined.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Hoppe, all voting in favor, to not provide reimbursement of the costs to purchase/install the drainage pipe 306/308 Francis Circle South based on the following:

- a. The developer purchased the lot “as is” and made improvements to the lot for his benefit.
- b. Public funds must be expended for public purpose to benefit the City as a whole.

Anna Johanson, President, and June Rezac, Head Librarian, thanked the Council for their continued support of the Elysian Area Library. They presented the following statistics of the library use: Card Holders – 488, Items in Collection – 7,270, Items checked out per month – 967, Patron count per month – 974, Total Events – 121. Library events often bring people from other communities who patronize businesses within the Elysian community.

The Library's costs continue to rise. The Library Board does own the Library building and the Board continues to do their own fundraising. The cost of the payroll is covered 20 hours by the Waseca Library system and 12 hours by the City of Elysian contribution. Johanson asked that the City consider increasing their 2026 contribution to help cover those increased costs.

Jason Sprague, PE, SEH Engineering, presented the Water Tank Services program offered by SEHDesign|Build, Inc. Sprague reported that the Elysian water tower has been inspected and a full recondition of the exterior and interior coating is recommended. The Water Tank Services program would include project scoping, bidding, coatings, and yearly inspections. The cost of the entire project would be extended over a period of 5 to 20 years, and the warranty would be extended for the same number of years. When the coating reaches a certain age, generally 20 years, the tower reaches its overcoat cycle and the contract can be re-negotiated to start a new cycle. The prices are locked in and SEH works exclusively with Classic Protective Coatings for all of the rehabilitation work on the water tanks.

The Council requested that SEHDesign|Build, Inc. prepare a proposal for consideration.

City Attorney Moran left the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Public Works Greenwald reported a water leak at 153 Shoreview Drive. It is surfacing at the top of a steep long hill and it is not clear where the break is located. This may be a leak that would benefit from utilization of a leak detection service to help determine the location of the leak. This service would cost approximately \$650 and there is no guarantee that they would be able to locate the leak.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Hunter, all voting in favor, to hire a leak detection service to locate the leak by 153 Shoreview Drive in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

Greenwald reported that a homeowners private sewer system shut off valve is not functioning. The homeowner has been advised and staff has requested that the shut off be repaired. The homeowner has not had the shut off repaired.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Hoppe, all voting in favor, to require the homeowner to have the repair to the sewer system shut off scheduled within 30 days with the work completed within 60 days.

Greenwald reported that the basketball/pickleball court is completed. The striping and hoop installation will be completed in the spring. Public Works needs to bring in a load of black dirt for the edges. The residents who donated the court would like it dedicated to Michael Supalla.

Greenwald reported that repair to the sanitary sewer main in Third Street NE has been completed. Empire Pipe Service will be sending video footage for inspection.

The Council directed Public Works to obtain estimates to repair or replace the retaining wall between the City and the Fire Hall parking areas.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Westby, all voting in favor, to solicit bids for sale of 1991 Ford F350 Custom Rescue Truck and set bid opening for December 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

A sample report from All Traffic Solutions showing the data collected from one week was distributed to the Council for review.

Employee Evaluations are complete. All full-time employees meet or exceed the requirements of their positions. Thank you for the dedication of the City staff.

The DNR Community Tree Planting Grant (EAB) has been submitted. Grant determinations will be announced on December 12, 2025.

Reminder of Truth in Taxation Hearing Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:10 pm.

Thank you to Jane Conroy and friends for decorating Main Street for the Autumn / Halloween season.

Thank you to the Elysian Area Chamber, Elysian Area Fire Department, businesses, City staff, and all the generous volunteers for a fun, safe, and spooky Halloween event.

Small Business Saturday in Elysian will be November 29, 2025.

Holiday Winter Lights Parade and Winter Fun Event will be Saturday, December 6, 2025.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Hoppe, all voting in favor, to close Main Street from 5th Street NW to the Fire Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 pm for the Holidazzle Parade.

Schnoor presented a quote in the amount of \$4056.98 for (12) twelve Waterproof Rugged LTE + WIFI Rapid Radios and (2) two 6-dock charger stands from Rapid Radio. Schnoor suggested that six could be used by City staff and six could be used by Civil Defense. They could also be used for special events held in the City. There is no subscription cost for the first year but every year after it costs \$50 per radio unit. The radios would all be on the same private channel. The radios work off the cell towers and have much better reception. They include a 6-month warranty.

Le Sueur County Emergency Management has been contacted, and they do not have any extra radios. The Le Sueur County Sheriff's Department is still undecided on their next step with radios. Schnoor stated that the Rapid Radios can be programmed to the Le Sueur County LAW Channels.

Westby suggested that more information be gathered and that a lower cost unit be tested prior to spending this amount on the radios. He would like to verify that the County channels (data encryption) can be programmed into the Rapid Radios.

Schnoor stated that this updated Radio was just released and is on sale. It would increase in price by \$800 per radio after tonight.

On motion by Westby to get more information from Le Sueur County and revisit at a future meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

Hoppe asked how far civil defense goes with the radios. Schnoor stated that the current radios can't go any more than five miles.

Westby stated that he wasn't against the radios, he just wanted to be sure that they could communicate with the County. Schnoor stated that even if they couldn't communicate with the County, they still need them to communicate with each other. He didn't want the Civil Defense on their cell phones.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by Houlihan, to purchase (4) Waterproof Rugged LTE + WIFI Rapid Radios and (1) one 6-dock charger stand in the amount of \$1,379 from Rapid Radio. Voting on the motion: Aye – Hoppe, Houlihan, Hunter, Schnoor. Nay – Westby. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Pat Nusbaum, 104 Park Avenue NE, thanked Public Works for filling the potholes at St. Andrews Church.

There were no further public comments.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Hoppe, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Approved:

Dennis Schnoor, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator